



South Carolina Department of  
Health  
and Environmental Control  
Division of Procurement Services  
Fixed Price Bid

Solicitation No.: FPB.H1N1MVCS-09/24/09-SAW  
(REVISED)  
Date Issued: September 25, 2009  
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DESCRIPTION: **Fixed Price Bid to Provide Mass Vaccination Services for School Children and other persons in South Carolina Per Specifications as stated in Fixed Price Bid**

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: **South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control**

*The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.*

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services  
Bureau of Business Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services  
Bureau of Business Management  
2600 Bull Street, Room 1200 – Aycock Bldg.  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

SUBMIT OFFER BY **2:30 PM, October 2, 2009**

(See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **N/A**

(See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: **1 (One) Original and Three (3) copies marked as "Copy"**

CONFERENCE TYPE: **N/A**

DATE & TIME:

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

LOCATION:

AWARD &  
AMENDMENTS

Award will be posted on **October 5, 2009**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://www.scdhec.net/procurement>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.

(See "Signing Your Offer" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov))

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)

☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)

☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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**(Return Page Two with Your Offer)**

<b>HOME OFFICE ADDRESS</b> (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)     	<b>NOTICE ADDRESS</b> (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)  <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Area Code - Number - Extension</span> <span>Facsimile</span> </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <b>E-mail Address</b>
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<b>PAYMENT ADDRESS</b> (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)    <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Payment Address same as Home Office Address</span> <span>Order Address same as Home Office Address</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Payment Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b></span> <span>Order Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b></span> </div>	<b>ORDER ADDRESS</b> (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)    <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Order Address same as Home Office Address</span> <span>Order Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b></span> </div>
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<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS</b> Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

<b>DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT</b> (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	____ Calendar Days (%)
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<b>PREFERENCES - SC RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE</b> (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference for offerors that qualify as a resident vendor. A resident vendor is an offeror that (a) is authorized to transact business within South Carolina, (b) maintains an office* in South Carolina, (c) either (1) maintains a minimum \$10,000.00 representative inventory at the time of the solicitation, or (2) is a manufacturer which is headquartered and has at least a ten million dollar payroll in South Carolina, and the product is made or processed from raw materials into a finished end-product by such manufacturer or an affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code) of such manufacturer, and (d) has paid all assessed taxes. If applicable, preference will be applied as required by law.	<b>OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST INITIAL HERE.</b> _____  *ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE   <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address</span> <span>In-State Office Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b></span> </div>
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<b>PREFERENCES - SC/US END-PRODUCT</b> (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference to vendors offering South Carolina end-products or US end-products, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown in SC or the US, respectively. An end-product is the item identified for acquisition in this solicitation, including all component parts in final form and ready for the use intended. The terms made, manufactured, and grown are defined by Section 11-35-1524(B). By signing your offer and checking the appropriate space(s) provided and identified on the bid schedule, offeror certifies that the end-product(s) is either made, manufactured or grown in South Carolina, or other states of the United States, as applicable. Preference will be applied as required by law.	<b>IF THIS PREFERENCE APPLIES TO THIS PROCUREMENT, PART IX (BIDDING SCHEDULE) WILL INCLUDE A PLACE TO CLAIM THE PREFERENCE. OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES ON THE BIDDING SCHEDULE.</b>
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## **I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION**

**Fixed Price Bid to provide Mass Vaccination Services for School Children and other persons in South Carolina.**

### **ACQUIRE SERVICES (JAN 2006)**

The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire services complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

### **MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD – ESTIMATED: (JAN 2006)**

Start Date: October 15, 2009      End Date: June 30, 2010

Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled “Terms of Contract – Effective Date / Initial Contract Period”. This is a one year contract.

## **II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**DEFINITIONS (JANUARY 2006)** EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION.

AMENDMENT – means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BOARD – means the South Carolina Budget & Control Board.

BUYER – means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER - means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACT - See clause entitled “Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.”

CONTRACT MODIFICATION – means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor.

CONTRACTOR - means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COVER PAGE – means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

OFFER – means the bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms “Bid” and “Proposal” are used interchangeably with the term “Offer.”

OFFEROR – means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term “Bidder” is used interchangeably with the term “Offeror.” See bidding provisions entitled “Signing Your Offer” and “Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract.”

ORDERING ENTITY - Using Governmental Unit that has submitted a Purchase Order.

PAGE TWO – means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER – means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page.

YOU and YOUR – means Offeror.

SOLICITATION – means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.

STATE – means the Using Governmental Unit(s) identified on the Cover Page.

SUBCONTRACTOR – means any person having a contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor’s agreement arising from this solicitation.

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – means the unit of government identified as such on the Cover Page.

WORK - means all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract.

### **AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (DHEC – FEB 2007)**

(a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://www.scdhec.gov/procurement/>

(b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment.

(c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

### **AWARD NOTIFICATION (NOV 2007)**

Notice regarding any award or cancellation of award will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page. If the contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value of fifty thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all

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Offerors responding to the Solicitation. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given.

**BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT (JAN 2004)**

By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the Using Governmental Unit(s). Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint bids" are not allowed.

**BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (JAN 2004)**

In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

**BID IN ENGLISH & DOLLARS (JAN 2004)**

Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

**BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT (DHEC FEBRUARY 2007)**

(a) Authorized Agent. All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement.

(b) Purchasing Liability. The Procurement Officer is an employee of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control (SCDHEC) acting on behalf of SCDHEC pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code.

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (MAY 2008)**

**GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.**

(a) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that—

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to—

- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory—

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure. [02-2A032-1]

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JAN 2004)**

(a)(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the State, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

**CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE (JAN 2006)**

The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/statmast.htm>. The South Carolina Regulations are available at: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/coderegs/statmast.htm>.

**COMPLETION OF FORMS / CORRECTION OF ERRORS (JAN 2006)**

All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule). (Applicable only to offers submitted on paper.)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (JAN 2004)**



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Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the governmental body or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the governmental bodies' mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)]

**DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION (JAN 2004)**

By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

**DUTY TO INQUIRE (JAN 2006)**

Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the State's attention.

**ETHICS CERTIFICATE (May 2008)**

By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

**OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE (JAN 2004)**

Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that the State may be required to pay.

**PROTESTS (JUNE 2006)**

Any prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled "Protest-CPO". [§ 11-35-4210]

**PUBLIC OPENING (JAN 2004)**

Offers will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable

**REJECTION/CANCELLATION (JAN 2004)**

The State may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The State may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065.]

**RESPONSIVENESS / IMPROPER OFFERS (JAN 2004)**

(a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.

(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the State cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an

opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]

(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The State may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the State even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

#### **RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS (JAN 2004)**

Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the state Ethics Act. (a) After issuance of the solicitation, ***you agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials.*** All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, ***you agree not to give anything to any Using Governmental Unit.***

#### **SIGNING YOUR OFFER (JAN 2004)**

Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words "by its Partner," and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

#### **STATE OFFICE CLOSINGS (JAN 2004)**

If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the government office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If state offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at: [http://www.scmd.org/scgovweb/weather\\_alert.htm](http://www.scmd.org/scgovweb/weather_alert.htm).

#### **SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (AUGUST 2002)**

(An overview is available at [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov)) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected! If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on Offeror's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a response, Offeror

agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the State withholding information that Offeror marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

**SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION (JAN 2004)**

(a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by electronic means) – (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

**TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES (JAN 2008)**

Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this State who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498.

**TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (JAN 2004)**

(a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent.

(b) Definitions: "Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether

- (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;
- (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government;
- (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

**VENDOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY (JAN 2006)**

You must have a state vendor number to be eligible to submit an offer. To obtain a state vendor number, visit [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov) and select "New Vendor Registration." (To determine if your business is already registered, go to "Vendor Search".) Upon registration, you will be assigned a state vendor number. Vendors must keep their vendor information current. If you are already registered, you can update your information by selecting "Change Vendor Registration." (Please note that vendor registration does not substitute for any obligation to register with the S.C. Secretary of State or S.C. Department of Revenue. You can register with the agencies at <http://www.scbos.com/default.htm>.)

**WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (JAN 2004)**

Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

## **II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### **CLARIFICATION (NOV 2007)**

Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarifications of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation. [Section 11-35-1520(8); R.19-445-2080]

### **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (NOV 2008): (An overview is available at [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov))**

By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

### **MAIL PICKUP (DHEC – APR 2009)**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control picks up all mail from The US Postal Service twice daily around 8:30 a.m. ET and 12:00 p.m. ET (excluding weekends and holidays). See provision entitled Deadline for Submission of Offer.

### **PROTEST – CPO - MMO ADDRESS (JUNE 2006)**

Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing (a) by email to [protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us](mailto:protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us), (b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639, or (c) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.

### **UNIT PRICES REQUIRED (JAN 2006)**

Unit price to be shown for each lot.

### **III. SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS**

Prior to approval to provide such services, DHEC will evaluate each offeror's response to determine if all specifications and requirements were met by the offeror.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released guidelines to state and local officials with planning strategies for administering the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine. DHEC seeks to augment its current staffing resources with additional skilled taskforce teams in an effort to provide statewide coverage and vaccinations in a timely manner. These specialized teams will be dispatched on an as-needed basis to vaccination clinical sites in South Carolina. Due to the highly critical nature of this program and the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) pandemic, mass vaccination clinics will be scheduled to provide efficient operations and prompt delivery service to School Children and other persons in South Carolina.

#### **PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Office of Public Health Preparedness is seeking the services of qualified contractors to perform staffing and operational immunization services at designated influenza mass vaccination clinic sites throughout the State. The proposed contract for services will require nursing and staffing personnel sufficient to vaccinate approximately 200 clients within a 4-hour period for each operational vaccination clinic. The proposed clinics may be located in school-based settings\* and other community-based locations throughout the State. DHEC will provide the scheduling and locations for all mass vaccination clinic sites.

\*By school-based clinic, DHEC means a vaccination clinic held at a school during school hours for the benefit of the students (under the age of 18) and staff from that school and possibly other schools in the school district.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Contractor will provide services to SC DHEC and comply with all requirements as identified herein and abide by all Policies and Procedures established by DHEC and all other State and Federal laws, rules and regulations. The contractor(s) must provide evidence of successful experience in administering vaccines in a timely manner in similar self managed mass vaccination environments.

The successful contractor(s) must provide evidence of capacity for managing a minimum of 200 clients per 4-hour shift of operation. The contractors must provide on each shift knowledgeable on-site management personnel or team leaders, qualified medical staff (RNs/LPNs), and competent, skilled administrative staff. These staff must complete all required documentation for patient follow-up, reporting and accountability.

In addition, the Contractor will assume responsibilities for mass clinical services as follows:

- Meet with the DHEC Project Manager within 72 hours of receiving notice of award, and plan for initial training sessions and implementation schedule.
- Distribute necessary informational literature for the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) flu virus on the date of service and answer any questions or concerns prior to administering the shots.
- Ensure immunizations are only provided to students arriving at school-based sites with completed parental consent forms (school-based clinics only).
- Collect completed parental consent forms and return according to SC DHEC procedures (school-based clinics only) which address school requirements
- Administer vaccines according to CDC guidelines and DHEC procedures.

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- Ensure that medical emergencies/adverse events will be handled on site by having appropriate medical supplies and equipment in proximity of the medical staff (RN/LPN).
- Provide ancillary staff to assist in vaccination process such as accompanying students, assisting with clinic flow, restocking of supplies, etc.
- Ensure that all routine and special clinical procedures are followed appropriately.
- Ensure that all employees use recommended equipment necessary to minimize exposure to potentially infectious materials, etc.
- Enter vaccine record into an electronic immunization registry or log, as specified by DHEC. Information must be submitted to DHEC within 24 hours.
- Record the total number of shots administered within the hours of operation for each scheduled clinic and at conclusion of mass vaccination clinic.
- Remove and dispose of medical waste appropriately after each immunization and following clinic operations.
- Notify SC DHEC immediately regarding any client complaints or other issues at clinic site.
- Contractor must sign the DHEC confidentiality agreement and/or Business Associate agreement prior to beginning any work under this contract.
- **Contractor must describe provisions for onsite safety for patients, before, during, and after vaccination including provision of first aid and treatment for possible anaphylactic shock or other immediate adverse event; and provisions for meeting cold chain safeguards and other vaccine-handling requirements; and maintaining biosafety by ensuring disposal of all medical waste.**
- **Report moderate and severe adverse events following vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (1-800-822-7967) <http://vaers.hhs.gov/contact.htm>**
- Contractor will not be allowed to bill patients for shots provided. Payments made under the terms of this Fixed Price agreement will be deemed as payment in full for services rendered.
- Perform other related duties as required.

SC DHEC will:

- Identify potential sites for establishing mass vaccination clinics throughout all 46 counties in the State including schools and other locations in local communities.
- Schedule and coordinate with schools and community partners the locations and site hours of operations in each particular area.
- Schedule initial project meetings with all successful contractors within 72 hours of award.
- Conduct mandatory training sessions according to CDC guidelines.
- Schedule periodic meetings as needed throughout the effective period of the contract for updates and adjustments to service delivery as needed.
- Provide supplies including alcohol swabs, sharps containers, emergency kits, and vaccines for administering the shots. DHEC will not provide gloves or band-aids.

**Note: In the case of a school-based clinic, DHEC will coordinate with schools to ensure that DHEC information packets are forwarded to parents and returned prior to immunization. This includes the parental consent form, medical screening form and the CDC Vaccine Information Statement (VIS).**

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

To be considered as a responsive and responsible bidder, you must provide the following:

- Documentation of your company's capabilities and resources including but not limited to financial stability and qualifications of all medical, management, and administrative personnel
- Documentation of current Licensure/Certification of all staff providing services under this contract, including but not limited to all contract RNs and LPNs proposed to be deployed to administer shots at the vaccination clinics
- Documentation that health care providers (RNs/LPNs) have valid license issued by the South Carolina Board of Nursing or approved compact state; current certificate in CPR or advanced life support, meet federal and state OSHA requirements including TB testing and blood borne pathogen training and have met current CDC requirements for adult immunizations and recommendations for health care providers.
- References documenting experience in service delivery of vaccinations within the last two years (minimum of 3 references required)
- Evidence of professional, malpractice, and general liability insurance, or self-insurance, as applicable. See pages 22-23 Section: **CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE** for insurance requirement
- Demonstration of capability to dispatch requested personnel to sites in the State of South Carolina with a 72 hour notice to fulfill requirements in Scope of Services. Please identify specific areas and locations in South Carolina you may be able to service.
- Record of proven management structure including the primary single point of contact for company. Please include a resume for the Project Team Leader being proposed.
- Provide any recent training manuals used in training clinical nursing staff and administrative personnel within the last 12 months
- Contractor must describe provisions for onsite safety for patients, before and after vaccination including provision of first aid and treatment for possible anaphylactic shock or other immediate adverse event; and provisions for meeting cold chain safeguards and other vaccine-handling requirements; and maintaining biosafety by ensuring disposal of all medical waste.
- Contractor must provide an outline or flowchart of the proposed taskforce personnel by skill/position for each clinic (one proposal for schools and one for other community-based locations). DHEC assumes that additional staff will be needed for the school-based sites due to the greater number of minors being serviced within the 4-hour shift.
- Description of any aged-based limitations or any other limitations contractor may have in administering vaccinations (This bullet will remain highlighted when solicitation is released)

**Note: All clinical staff must be licensed and trained in the administering of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine . All contract staff must also be knowledgeable of all applicable federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to the delivery of vaccinations.**

**COMPENSATION:** The Contractor shall submit a monthly invoice for payment of services rendered as outlined in the Scope of Services, as follows:

1. The invoice must include the name and address of the Contractor, the purchase order number, a brief description of the Scope of Services, the period covered, an itemized listing of the clinics conducted and the total amount of the reimbursement. The Contractor must include with the invoice copies of all vaccine administration log sheets



as supporting documentation showing the total number of shots given at each clinic. For school based vaccination clinics, the Contractor must include all student vaccine consent forms.

2. Reimbursement will be for actual clinics conducted as pre-approved by DHEC. Only expenditures incurred during the contract period can be submitted for reimbursement. The invoice should be received by DHEC within fifteen (15) days after the end of each month. Mail requests for payment to S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Attn. Betty Jo Sanders, DHEC Immunization Division, 1751 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The final invoice must be mailed to Ms. Betty Jo Sanders no later than October 31, 2010 or within 30 days of final scheduled clinic/school visit.

**LIMITATIONS:** Under the terms of this **FIXED PRICE** agreement, Contractor(s) providing mass vaccination services per Lots 1 and 2 Specifications (page 30) cannot charge clients or bill third party payers for providing these services at any DHEC scheduled school or community based clinic. These services are provided at no cost to the clients or third party payers and DHEC will only compensate the contractor up to the maximum **FIXED PRICES** as outlined in on Schedule 1. In addition, the contractors will not be compensated for any additional hours or portions thereof, exceeding the standard 4-hour period of operation at the clinic sites.

Contractor(s) must follow all CDC guidelines including, but not limited to the special terms and conditions as listed on page 29, Section IX. CDC TERMS AND CONDITIONS (SPECIAL).

#### IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

##### INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL (JAN 2006)

Offeror shall submit a signed Cover Page and Page Two. Offeror should submit all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price Proposal; and any appropriate attachments addressed in section IX. Attachments to Solicitations.

##### MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JAN 2006)

Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor?  
☐ Yes ☐ NO

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:

- ☐ Traditional minority
- ☐ Traditional minority, but female
- ☐ Women (Caucasian females)
- ☐ Hispanic minorities
- ☐ DOT referral (Traditional minority)
- ☐ DOT referral (Caucasian female)
- ☐ Temporary certification
- ☐ SBA 8 (a) certification referral
- ☐ Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

For a list of certified minority firms, please consult the Minority Business Directory, which is available at the following URL:

<http://www.govoepp.state.sc.us/osmba/>



## V. QUALIFICATIONS

### QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR (JAN 2006)

To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor must be responsible. In evaluating an Offeror's responsibility, the State Standards of Responsibility [R.19-445.2125] and information from any other source may be considered. An Offeror must, upon request of the State, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award. S.C. Code Section 11-35-1810.

### QUALIFICATIONS - MANDATORY MINIMUM (JAN 2006)

(a) In order to be qualified to receive award, you must meet the following mandatory minimum qualifications and submit all information as outlined below:

The successful contractors must provide evidence of capacity for managing a minimum of 200 clients per 4-hour shift of operation. The contractors must provide on each shift knowledgeable on-site management personnel or team leaders, qualified medical staff (RNs/LPNs), and competent and dedicated skilled administrative staff capable of completing all required documentation for client follow-up, reporting and accountability. The successful contractors must provide evidence of successful experience in administering vaccines in a similar mass clinical self-managed environment in a timely manner.

1. Provide evidence of capacity for managing a minimum of 200 clients per 4-hour shift of clinic operation
2. Provide management personnel or team leader, qualified medical staff (RNs/LPNs), administrative staff, etc. to fulfill all required tasks as outlined in Scope of Services
3. Documentation of your company's capabilities and resources including but not limited to financial stability and qualifications of all medical, management, and administrative personnel
4. Documentation of current Licensure/Certification of all staff providing services under this contract, including but not limited to all contract RNs and LPNs proposed to be deployed to administer shots at the vaccination clinics
5. Documentation that health care providers (RNs/LPNs) have valid license issued by the South Carolina Board of Nursing or approved compact state; current certificate in CPR or advanced life support, meet federal and state OSHA requirements including TB testing and blood borne pathogen training and have met current CDC requirements for adult immunizations and recommendations for health care workers.
6. References documenting experience in service delivery of vaccinations within the last two years (minimum of 3 references required)
7. Evidence of professional, malpractice, and general liability insurance, or self-insurance, as applicable. (See pages 22-23 Section: **CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE** for insurance requirement.
8. Demonstration of capability to dispatch requested personnel to sites throughout the State of South Carolina with a 72 hour notice to fulfill requirements in Scope of Services. Please identify specific areas/locations in South Carolina you may be able to service.
9. Record of proven management structure including the primary single point of contact for company. Please include a resume for the Project Team Leader being proposed.
10. Provide any recent training manuals used in training clinical nursing staff and administrative personnel within the last 12 months.
11. Contractor must describe provisions for onsite safety for clients, before and after vaccination including provision of first aid and treatment for possible anaphylactic shock or other immediate adverse event; and provisions for meeting cold chain safeguards and other vaccine-handling requirements; and maintaining biosafety by ensuring disposal of all medical waste.

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12. Contractor must provide an outline or flowchart of the proposed taskforce personnel by skill/position for each clinic (one proposal for schools and one for other community-based locations). DHEC assumes that additional staff will be needed for the school-based sites due to the greater number of minors being serviced within the 4-hour shift.
13. Contractor must describe any aged-based limitations or any other limitations contractor may have in administering vaccinations.
14. Please let us know if you have any provisions for non-English speaking clients.

**Note: All clinical staff must be licensed and trained in the administering of the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine. All contract staff must also be knowledgeable of all applicable federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to the delivery of vaccinations.**

(b) The Procurement Officer may, in her discretion, consider (1) the total years of experience of a firm in conducting similar services in a mass vaccination environment (2) the firm's key personnel and years of experience in stated position (3) the composition and make-up of proposed taskforce team (4) any subcontractor proposed by offeror.

(c) Provide a detailed, narrative statement providing adequate information to establish that you meet all the requirements stated in subparagraph (a) above. Include all appropriate documentation.

## **VI. AWARD CRITERIA**

### **AWARD CRITERIA – FIXED PRICE BIDDING (JAN 2006)**

Award will be made to all responsible and responsible Offerors.

### **BIDS RECEIVED AFTER AWARD – FIXED PRICE BIDDING**

Offerors not responding to the initial solicitation may be added to the awarded vendors' list prior to January 1, 2010 provided the bidder furnishes evidence of responsibility and responsiveness to the state's original fixed price bid as authorized by the solicitation.

All approved and qualified service providers will be placed on a Qualified Provider List (QPL).. Being placed on the QPL does not provide a guarantee as to a specific number of services or payment amount for any service provider. Failure of a service provider to receive business shall not be grounds for a contract controversy under Section 11-35-4230 of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code.

During the term of the contract the State may add additional qualified service providers to the approved QPL upon receipt and review of documentation justifications as set forth herein and as approved by SC DHEC.

Offerors wanting to be added to the QPL after the initial award should submit their information as instructed herein without regard to the submission date. Offers will be reviewed and awards will be made only upon the approval of SCDHEC.

The State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reserves the right to make awards by Lot which is deemed most advantageous to the State. After the State determines the responsive and responsible bidder(s) and after adding these contractor(s) to the Qualified Providers Listing (QPL), DHEC reserves the right and authority to select any QPL providing the most advantageous offer in terms of total fixed price per clinic and/or number of clients served within the 4 hour period and/or the contractor's proposed make-up of the clinic staffing team.

## **VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – A. GENERAL**

### **ASSIGNMENT (JAN 2006)**

No contract or its provisions may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of the Procurement Officer.

### **BANKRUPTCY (JAN 2006)**

(a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Using Governmental Unit. This notification shall be

furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all State contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the State upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

**CHOICE-OF-LAW (JAN 2006)**

The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (JAN 2006)**

(a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) documentation regarding the clarification of an offer [e.g., 11-35-1520(8) or 11-35-1530(6)], if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (5) your offer, (6) any statement reflecting the state's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (6) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the State or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by any Using Governmental Unit. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

**DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (JAN 2006)**

(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

**DISPUTES (JAN 2006)**

(1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the Government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the Government's sovereign immunity or the Government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United State's Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (JAN 2006)**

Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

**FALSE CLAIMS (JAN 2006)**

According to the S.C. Code of Laws § 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

**FIXED PRICING REQUIRED (JAN 2006)**

Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

**NON-INDEMNIFICATION (JAN 2006)**

Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify anyone.

**NOTICE (JAN 2006)**

(A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the state shall be to the Procurement Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

**PAYMENT (JAN 2006)**

(a) The Using Governmental Unit shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified in this contract, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government. (b) Unless the purchase order specifies another method of payment, payment will be made by check. (c) Payment and interest shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable.

**PREVENTING AND REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE (DHEC 2008)**

- a. Federal and state laws make it unlawful to submit false claims to the government for payment; provide for civil, criminal and administrative penalties; and protect individuals, including government employees, who make good faith reports of suspected violations.
- b. SCDHEC has established procedures and policies concerning the prevention and reporting of fraud, waste and abuse (FWA) in agency-funded programs, including but not limited to those funded by federal grants such as Medicaid. No agency employee, agent, or contractor shall direct, participate in, approve, or tolerate any violation of federal or state laws regarding FWA in government programs. Any employee, agent, or contractor of SCDHEC who submits a false claim in violation of federal or state laws will be reported to appropriate authorities.
- c. The federal False Claims Act provides civil penalties for submitting false claims or statements to a federally funded program and authorizes the U. S. Attorney General to enforce this law. Citizens may bring an action on behalf of the government within six years of submittal of the false claim, and may receive part of any damages. An individual who in good faith reports information about false claims submitted by others is protected by law from retaliation for making the report ("whistleblower" protection.) Federal law also allows certain agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, to hold administrative hearings to penalize persons for false or fraudulent claims.
- d. Under State law, persons may be criminally prosecuted for false claims made to an insurer, HMO or any person, including state government, providing benefits for health care. Medicaid fraud statutes allow criminal prosecution of health care providers and Medicaid applicants or recipients who knowingly make false statements to the Medicaid Program, or conceal or fail to disclose material facts affecting entitlement to Medicaid reimbursement, payment, or benefits. Health care providers may also be liable for civil and administrative penalties and sanctions for Medicaid fraud. The State Attorney General has authority to prosecute persons for insurance fraud who make false statements and misrepresentations in order to obtain an undeserved economic benefit or to deny someone a benefit in connection with any insurance transaction. The State Computer Crimes Act authorizes criminal penalties for persons who use a computer to devise or execute any fraud scheme or to obtain money or services by false representations.
- e. Anyone who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of FWA in agency funded programs is encouraged to report such matters by writing to the Office of Internal Audits, SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; or by calling the Agency Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline at 803-0896-0650 or toll-free at 1-866-206-5202. Reports will be handled confidentially.
- f. The Contractor is required to inform contractor's employees of the existence of SCDHEC's policy prohibiting FWA and the procedures for reporting FWA to the agency.

**PUBLICITY (JAN 2006)**

Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by State employees, or include the State in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

**PURCHASE ORDERS (JAN 2006)**

Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the using governmental unit. The using governmental unit shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order.

**SETOFF (JAN 2006)**

The state shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the state with regard to this contract, any other contract with any state department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the state for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

**SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS (JAN 2006)**

The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

**TAXES (JAN 2006)**

Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the State, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the State. It shall be solely the State's obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the State to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

**TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (JAN 2006)**

Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

**THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (JAN 2006)**

This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

**WAIVER (JAN 2006)**

The State does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the State's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

## **VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – B. SPECIAL**

### **CHANGES (JAN 2006)**

(1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

- (a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [State] in accordance therewith;
- (b) method of shipment or packing;
- (c) place of delivery;
- (d) description of services to be performed;
- (e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
- (f) place of performance of the services.

Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.

(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

(3) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification.

(4) Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

### **CISG (JAN 2006)**

The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this agreement.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (JAN 2006)**

During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

### **CONTRACT LIMITATIONS (JAN 2006)**

No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly listed. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment.

### **CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE (JANUARY 2006)**

- (1) Contractor shall purchase from and maintain in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina such insurance as will protect the contractor from the types of claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from the contractor's operations under the contract and for which the contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the contractor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable: (a) claims under workers' compensation, disability benefit and other similar employee benefit acts which are applicable to the work to be performed; (b) claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of the contractor's employees; (c) claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than the contractor's employees; (d) claims for damages insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; (e) claims for damages, other than to the work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from; (f) claims for damages because of bodily injury, death of a person or property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle; (g) claims for bodily injury or property damage arising out of completed operations; and (h) claims involving contractual liability insurance applicable to the Contractor's obligations under the provision entitled Indemnification – Third Party Claims.

- (2) Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis and shall be maintained without interruption from date of commencement of the work until date of final payment. Coverage must include the following on a commercial basis: (i) Premises – Operations, (ii) Independent Contractor's Protective, (iii) Products and Completed Operations, (iv) Personal

and Advertising Injury, (v) Contractual, including specific provision for contractor's obligations under the provision entitled Indemnification – Third Party Claims, (vi) Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations, and (vii) Owned, Non-owned and Hired Motor Vehicles.

- (3) The insurance required by this paragraph shall be written for not less than the following limits of liability or as required by law, whichever coverage is greater.:

- COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:
- General Aggregate (per project) \$1,000,000
- Products/Completed Operations \$1,000,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000
- Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
- Fire Damage (Any one fire) \$ 50,000
- Medical Expense (Any one person) \$ 5,000
- BUSINESS AUTO LIABILITY (including All Owned, Non-owned, and Hired Vehicles):
- Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000
- OR
- Bodily Injury & Property Damage (each) \$750,000
- WORKER'S COMPENSATION:
- State Statutory
- Employers Liability \$100,000 Per Acc.
- \$500,000 Disease, Policy Limit; \$100,000 Disease, Each Employee

- (4) Required Documentation. (a) Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the state a signed, original certificate of liability insurance (ACORD 25). The certificate shall identify the types of insurance, state the limits of liability for each type of coverage, include a provision for 30 days notice prior to cancellation, name every applicable using governmental unit (as identified on the cover page) as a Certificate Holder, provide that the general aggregate limit applies per project, and provide that coverage is written on an occurrence basis. (b) Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the state a written endorsement to the contractor's general liability insurance policy that (i) names every applicable using governmental unit (as identified on the Cover Page) as an additional insured, (ii) provides that no material alteration, cancellation, non-renewal, or expiration of the coverage contained in such policy shall have effect unless the named governmental unit(s) has been given at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, and (iii) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy shall be primary, with any liability insurance of the state as secondary and noncontributory. (c) Both the certificate and the endorsement must be received directly from either the contractor's insurance agent or the insurance company.
- (5) Contractor shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to every applicable using governmental unit of any proposed reduction of coverage limits (on account of revised limits or claims paid under the General Aggregate) or any substitution of insurance carriers.
- (6) The state's failure to demand either a certificate of insurance or written endorsement required by this paragraph is not a waiver of contractor's obligations to obtain the required insurance.

**DHEC DOES NOT PROVIDE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE**

**CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2006)**

The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

**CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION – GENERAL (JAN 2006)**

The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

**CONTRACTOR'S USE OF STATE PROPERTY (JAN 2006)**

Upon termination of the contract for any reason, the State shall have the right, upon demand, to obtain access to, and possession of, all State properties, including, but not limited to, current copies of all State application programs and necessary documentation, all

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data, files, intermediate materials and supplies held by the contractor. Contractor shall not use, reproduce, distribute, display, or sell any data, material, or documentation owned exclusively by the State without the State's written consent, except to the extent necessary to carry out the work.

**DEFAULT (JAN 2006)**

(a)(1) The State may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to-

- (i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;
- (ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or
- (iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).

(2) The State's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the State terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the State for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the State may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the State has an interest.

(f) The State shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The State may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the State against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the State. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the contractor's rights under the Disputes clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of the State in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

**ESTIMATED QUANTITY – UNKNOWN (JAN 2006)**

The total quantity of purchases of any individual item on the contract is not known. The States does not guarantee that the State will buy any specified item or total amount. The omission of an estimated purchase quantity does not indicate a lack of need but rather a lack of historical information.



### **INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS (JAN 2006)**

Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, Contractor shall defend and indemnify the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party which arise out of, or result in any way from, any defect in the goods or services acquired hereunder or from any act or omission of Contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants or agents. Contractor shall be given written notice of any suit or claim. State shall allow Contractor to defend such claim so long as such defense is diligently and capably prosecuted through legal counsel. State shall allow Contractor to settle such suit or claim so long as (i) all settlement payments are made by (and any deferred settlement payments are the sole liability of) Contractor, and (ii) the settlement imposes no non-monetary obligation upon State. State shall not admit liability or agree to a settlement or other disposition of the suit or claim, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Contractor. State shall reasonably cooperate with Contractor's defense of such suit or claim. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination of the parties' agreement.

### **LICENSES AND PERMITS (JAN 2006)**

During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and /or inspections required by the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

### **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS (JAN 2006)**

(1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):

- (a) by agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
- (b) by unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
- (c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;
- (d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,
- (e) in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

(2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

### **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “All Items” (JAN 2006)**

Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers (CPI-U), “all items” for services, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

### **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY PPI (JAN 2006)**

Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Producer Price Indexes (PPI) for the applicable commodity, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

### **PRICING DATA – AUDIT – INSPECTION (JAN 2006)**

[Clause Included Pursuant to § 11-35-1830, - 2210, & -2220] (a) Cost or Pricing Data. Upon Procurement Officer's request, you shall submit cost or pricing data, as defined by 48 C.F.R. § 2.101 (2004), prior to either (1) any award to contractor pursuant to 11-35-1530 or 11-35-1560, if the total contract price exceeds \$500,000, or (2) execution of a change order or contract modification with contractor which exceeds \$100,000. Your price, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the state finds that such price was increased because you furnished cost or pricing data that was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current as of the date agreed upon between parties. (b) Records Retention. You shall maintain your records for three years from the date of final payment, or longer if requested by the chief Procurement Officer. The state may audit your records at reasonable

times and places. As used in this subparagraph (b), the term "records" means any books or records that relate to cost or pricing data submitted pursuant to this clause. In addition to the obligation stated in this subparagraph (b), you shall retain all records and allow any audits provided for by 11-35-2220(2). (c) Inspection. At reasonable times, the state may inspect any part of your place of business which is related to performance of the work. (d) Instructions – Certification. When you submit data pursuant to subparagraph (a), you shall (1) do so in accordance with the instructions appearing in Table 15-2 of 48 C.F.R. § 15.408 (2004) (adapted as necessary for the state context), and (2) submit a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, as prescribed by 48 CFR § 15.406-2(a) (adapted as necessary for the state context).

(e) Subcontracts. You shall include the above text of this clause in all of your subcontracts. (f) Nothing in this clause limits any other rights of the state.

#### **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES (JAN 2006)**

Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

#### **STORAGE OF MATERIALS (JAN 2006)**

Absent approval of the using governmental unit, Contractor shall not store items on the premises of the using governmental unit prior to the time set for installation.

#### **TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD (JAN 2006)**

The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial term of this agreement is one year from the effective date. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

#### **TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR (JAN 2006)**

Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the initial term, or any renewal term, by providing the Procurement Officer notice of its election to terminate under this clause at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

#### **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE – INDEFINITE DELIVERY / INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACTS (JAN 2006)**

Unless the termination so provides, a termination for convenience shall not operate to terminate any purchase orders issued prior to the effective date of termination.

#### **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE – SHORT FORM (JAN 2006)**

The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. In such a termination, the Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. Upon such termination, the contractor shall (a) stop work to the extent specified, (b) terminate any subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work, and (c) be paid the following amounts without duplication, subject to the other terms of this contract: (i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract, (ii) costs incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work, and (iii) any other reasonable costs that the contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the State, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided. As a condition of payment, contractor shall submit within three months of the effective date of the termination a claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination. The absence of an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not increase the obligation of the state beyond what it would have been had the subcontract contained such a clause.

### **VIII. DHEC TERMS AND CONDITIONS (SPECIAL)**

- A. Contractor must agree to make positive efforts to use small and minority owned businesses and individuals. DHEC Form 128 is for use in providing this information.
- B. None of the work or services covered by this Contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of DHEC.

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- C. Any change to this Contract, is considered an amendment to the contract, which must be mutually agreed to and executed in the same manner as the contract.
- D. Records with respect to all matters covered by this Contract shall be retained by the Contractor for 6 years after the end of the Contract period, and shall be available for audit and inspection at any time such audit is deemed necessary by DHEC. If audit has begun but is not completed at the end of the 6-year period, or if audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the 6-year period, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings.
- E. By signing this Contract, the Contractor certifies that he/she is not now nor has been within the last two (2) years an employee of a South Carolina State Agency.
- F. No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in relation to activities carried out under this contract on the grounds of race, age, health status, handicap, color, sex, religion or national origin. This includes the provision of language assistance services to individuals of limited English proficiency eligible for services provided by DHEC.
- G. Each of the parties agrees to maintain professional, malpractice and general liability insurance, and may be required to provide the other with satisfactory evidence of such coverage. Neither party will provide individual coverage for the other party's employees, with each party being responsible for coverage of its respective employees.
- H. The parties intend and agree that the activities to be conducted pursuant to this bid are emergency response activities consistent with South Carolina emergency response plans and that the targeted liability protections of the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 247d-6d and 247d-6e, are applicable to the parties, the officials, employees, agents, and contractors of the parties, the purposes of this MOA, the vaccine to be administered under this MOA, and the activities in this solicitation and under the Scope of Services section.
- I. No travel expenses will be paid under this agreement.
- J. Neither party shall be liable for any claims, demands, expenses, liabilities and losses (including reasonable attorney's fees) which may arise out of any acts or failures to act by the other party, its employee or agents, in connection with the performance of services pursuant to this contract.
- K. The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy related to the agreement and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. All disputes, claims or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the South Carolina Procurement Code, Section 11-35-10, et. seq., or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in Richland County, South Carolina.
- L. The Contractor certifies that they have not been debarred or suspended under OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement or otherwise from doing business with any governmental entity.
- M. DHEC shall have sole ownership and copyright for any tangible product (report, survey, film, etc.) developed under this contract.
- N. By accepting this award, the Contractor certifies that it:
  - 1. Has neither used nor will use any appropriated funds for payments to lobbyist;
  - 2. Will disclose the name, address, payment detail and purpose of any agreement with a lobbyist whom Contractor or its subtier contractor(s) or subgrantee(s) will pay with profits or non-appropriated funds on or after 12/22/89; and
  - 3. Will file quarterly updates about the use of lobbyists if material changes occur in their use.
- O. The Contractor agrees to abide by DHEC's Confidentiality Policy, which states that all information about personal facts and circumstances of DHEC employees, clients, or members of the public is confidential and will not be disclosed without written authorization of the individual to which it pertains, unless disclosure is required

by law, or otherwise required in accordance with this agreement and released to the Contractor after DHEC Office of General Counsel review. If confidential information is disclosed pursuant to a properly completed authorization, documentation of the disclosure and a copy of the authorization must be maintained and made available for DHEC inspection and audit. In addition, confidential agency information and action shall not be disclosed unless DHEC authorizes the disclosure in writing, or the disclosure is required by law.

The types of information that generally must be kept confidential include, but are not limited to, personal information about job applicants, DHEC employees, DHEC clients or members of the public, such as names, social security numbers, addresses, telephone numbers, medical or disability information, financial status and information, account or identification numbers issued by government agencies or private financial institutions, other identifying information, or confidential business information.

The Family Privacy Protection Act may place additional restriction on the collection and disclosure of personal information. Information that is otherwise available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act maybe released in accordance with State law.

Protected Health Information about DHEC clients generally cannot be disclosed without proper authorization by the client or his/her parent or legal guardian, or pursuant to a specific exception under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164).

The Contractor and the Contractor's employees/agents may be required to sign DHEC's Confidentiality Agreement (DHEC form #0321), a copy of which is attached hereto. Alternatively, if the Contractor desires to rely upon an existing Confidentiality Agreement signed by its employees/agents, a copy of the Confidentiality Agreement must first be provided to the DHEC Contract Officer for evaluation, and the Contracting Party must provide written verification that all employees/agents who may have access to DHEC confidential information in the course of performing this agreement have executed the Confidentiality Agreement. The Contractor must ensure that confidential information released to the Contractor's employees/agents is limited to the information minimally necessary in order to meet its obligations under this agreement.

Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information may result in termination of this agreement and may be grounds for fines, penalties, imprisonment, injunctive action, civil suit, or debarment from doing business with the State. The Contractor must immediately notify the Region Health Director and DHEC HIPAA Privacy Officer of any unauthorized disclosure of a DHEC client's protected health information which occurs in the course of performing this agreement. Unauthorized disclosure of other types of confidential information not consisting of protected health information must be immediately reported to the DHEC Contract Officer, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201.

- P. Prior to participating in any DHEC clinical activity or rendering any service to DHEC under this Agreement, the Contracting Party and employee/agents of the Contracting Party will be educated and trained regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and related Regulations pertaining to the privacy and security of protected health information (the HIPAA Privacy Rule.) The Contracting Party will provide documentation of successful completion of this training to the Contract Officer prior to initiating performance of this Agreement. If this training has not been conducted, or documentation of training has not been provided, the Contracting Party and its employees/agents will be required to view DHEC's HIPAA training video(s) and receive necessary instruction on the DHEC forms referenced in the training prior to initiating performance of this Agreement.
- Q. The parties agree that during the term of this Contract, each party shall maintain its respective federal and state licenses, certifications, and accreditations required for the provision of services therein. The Contractor will immediately notify DHEC if a board, association, or other licensing authority takes any action to revoke or suspend the license, certification, or accreditation of Contractor.

## IX. CDC TERMS AND CONDITIONS (SPECIAL)

**The following are requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These requirements are contained in a CDC agreement that qualified bidders will be required to sign prior to receiving 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine. Many of the CDC requirements below are contained in the Scope of Services listed above. Items 7 and 8 below will only be applicable under this Fixed Price bid for contractors responding to the Optional Direct Billing Services as outlined on pages 30-33.**

1. Administer the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine according to the recommendations of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices as adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2. Store and handle the vaccine in accordance with the package insert provided with the vaccine including in compliance with cold chain requirements.
3. Provide a current Vaccine Information Statement to each individual before vaccination, and answer questions about the benefits and risks of vaccination, including different indications for live versus inactivated vaccines.
4. Record in the patient's medical record or in an office log the date of administration, the site of administration, the vaccine type and lot number, and the name of the immunization provider for each individual vaccinated. The record must be kept for a minimum of three years following vaccination.
5. Report moderate and severe adverse events following vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (1-800-822-7967, <http://vaers.hhs.gov/contact.htm> ).
6. Can not charge patients, health insurance plans, or other third party payers for the vaccine, the syringes or the needles as these are provided at no cost to the provider. The provider/facility is also prohibited from selling H1N1 vaccine, syringes or needles.
7. May charge a fee for the *administration* of the vaccine to the patient, their health insurance plan, or other third party payer. The administration fee cannot exceed the regional Medicare vaccine administration fee. If the administration fee is billed to Medicaid, the amount billed cannot exceed the state Medicaid administration fee.
8. May either administer the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine for free to individuals who cannot afford the administration fee, or refer these individuals to a public health department clinic or affiliated public health provider for vaccination.
9. Must report the number of doses of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine administered to individuals as requested by the state or local public health department.
10. Must report to the state health department the number of doses of vaccine that were not able to be used because the vaccine expiration date was exceeded or the vaccine was wasted for other reasons. These doses must be disposed of in accordance with state regulations for biological waste.
11. Are strongly encouraged to provide an immunization record card to the vaccine recipient or parent/guardian to provide a record of vaccination, to serve as an information source if a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System report is needed, and to serve as a reminder of the need for a second dose of vaccine (if necessary). Immunization cards will be included in each shipment of vaccine.

**X. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL**

**BIDDING SCHEDULE (NOV 2007)**

As outlined in this Section X. Bidding Schedule/Price-Business Proposal:

Bid price or the fee schedule for providing Mass Vaccination Services for School Children and other persons in South Carolina Per Specifications are fixed prices as outlined herein except DHEC shall be advised of and receive the benefit of, any price decrease. If the bidder's fee is less than the fee schedule stated in the bid, the bidder's fee will apply. See Attachment I the fee schedule.

**LOT 1 Mass Immunization Clinical Services for approximately 200 school children to be performed at Sites throughout South Carolina as determined by SC DHEC. The total unit cost must include all travel and other charges for providing services for each shift based on 4-hour Shift Increments at each School Based Clinics. \***

LOT 1 TOTAL BID PRICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Must not exceed maximum allowable charge per site – see Attachment 1)

**LOT 2 Mass Immunization Clinical Services for approximately 200 people in South Carolina to be performed at Sites throughout South Carolina as determined by SC DHEC. The total unit cost must include all travel and other charges for providing services for each shift based on 4-hour Shift Increments at each Community Based Clinic (Non-School Location).\***

LOT 2 TOTAL BID PRICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Must not exceed maximum allowable charge per site – see Attachment 1)

\*The actual number of clients served within the 4-hour block could be more or less than 200 but the unit and total price should be based on the total cost for providing services per dispatched site including all travel-related charges.

**BIDDING SPECIFICATIONS AND SCHEDULE (OPTIONAL)**

**\*\*LOT 3 Optional Direct Billing by Contract Provider(s) of an administration fee to the patient's health insurance plan or other third party payer. The administration fee cannot exceed the regional Medicare vaccine administration fee. If the administration fee is billed to Medicaid, the amount billed cannot exceed the state Medicaid administration fee – School-Based Sites**

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: NO MONIES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE CLIENT ONSITE**

LOT 3 TOTAL BID PRICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

((Must not exceed maximum allowable charge per site – see Attachment I)

Contractor proposes to offer alternative billing services, as allowed by CDC guidelines and has enclosed information for SC DHEC's review

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*LOT 4 Optional Direct Billing by Contract Provider(s) of an administration fee to the patient's health insurance plan or other third party payer. The administration fee cannot exceed the regional Medicare vaccine administration fee. If the administration fee is billed to Medicaid, the amount billed cannot exceed the state Medicaid administration fee – Non-School-Based Location**

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: NO MONIES CAN BE EXCHANGED ONSITE**

LOT 4 TOTAL BID PRICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must not exceed maximum allowable charge per site – see Attachment I)

**Contractor proposes to offer alternative billing services, as allowed by CDC guidelines and has enclosed information for SC DHEC's review**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This optional direct billing category is included in an effort to identify providers interested in direct billing to private pay clients only (when applicable) and is not a performance requirement under the terms and conditions as outlined herein. The amount listed in Total Bid Price must not be greater than zero (0).**

Signature below indicates acceptance of all terms and conditions as outlined herein. All required documents as outlined herein must be attached to your response in order to be considered for this award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>	
<b>October 15, 2009 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE CHARGES*</b>
<b><u>Lot 1 (School Based Sites)</u></b>  Mass Immunization Clinical Services for approximately 200 school children to be performed at Sites throughout South Carolina as determined by SC DHEC. The total unit cost must include all travel and other charges for providing services for each shift based on 4-hour Shift Increments at Each School Based Clinics. *	<b>\$3,000.00 per site (Maximum Amount Allowed)</b>
<b><u>Lot 2 (Community Based Sites – Non-School Locations)</u></b>  Mass Immunization Clinical Services for approximately 200 people in SC to be performed at Sites throughout South Carolina as determined by SC DHEC. The total unit cost must include all travel and other charges for providing services for each shift based on 4-hour Shift Increments at each Community Based Clinic (Non-School Location).*	<b>\$2,500.00 per site (Maximum Amount Allowed)</b>

\*The actual number of clients served within the 4-hour block could be more or less than 200 but the unit and total fixed price is based on the maximum amount the State will pay to Contractor for providing mass vaccination services per each site including all travel-related charges.



**ATTACHMENT II**

**POTENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SERVICES**

**\*\*This optional direct billing category is included in an effort to identify providers interested in direct billing to private pay clients (when applicable) and is not a performance requirement under the terms and conditions as outlined herein. The amount listed in Total Bid Price must not be greater than zero (0).**

<b>October 15, 2009 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE CHARGES*</b>
<b><u>Lot 3 Optional Billing – School-Based Locations**</u></b>  Optional Direct Billing by Contract Provider(s) of an administration fee to the patient’s health insurance plan or other third party payer. The administration fee cannot exceed the regional Medicare vaccine administration fee. If the administration fee is billed to Medicaid, the amount billed cannot exceed the state Medicaid administration fee.	<b>\$00 per site (Maximum Amount Allowed)</b>
<b><u>Lot 4 Optional Billing – Community-Based Sites (Non-Schools)**</u></b>  Optional Direct Billing by Contract Provider(s) of an administration fee to the patient’s health insurance plan or other third party payer. The administration fee cannot exceed the regional Medicare vaccine administration fee. If the administration fee is billed to Medicaid, the amount billed cannot exceed the state Medicaid administration fee.	<b>\$00 per site (Maximum Amount Allowed)</b>

**XI. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION**

- E. DHEC’s Confidentiality Agreement
- F. Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit Income Tax Withholding
- G. Income Tax Credit
- H. Offeror’s Checklist

Attachment I  
Attachment II



## DHEC Confidentiality Agreement

I understand that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has a legal and ethical responsibility to maintain confidentiality of information as to personal facts and circumstances of DHEC employees, clients, or other citizens given or made available to DHEC in administration of the agency's programs and services.

DHEC's Confidentiality Policy states that Information about personal facts and circumstances of DHEC employees, clients and other citizens will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed without the individual's written authorization, except as required by law or as required to perform agency responsibilities. Protected Health Information that identifies an individual generally cannot be released unless properly authorized by the client or his/her legal representative, or pursuant to a specific exception under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164). The Family Privacy Protection Act and other state and federal laws may place additional limitations on disclosure of personal information.

Information that is made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act must be disclosed in accordance with State law. However, the Freedom of Information Act protects information of a personal nature such that public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy. The types of information that generally must be kept confidential include, but are not limited to: protected personal information of job applicants, DHEC employees, or members of the public, such as names, social security numbers, addresses, telephone numbers, financial status and information, account or identification numbers issued by government agencies or private financial institutions, confidential business information, vital records information, social security numbers, and health information that identifies individuals.

I understand that during the course of my employment, volunteer services, or contract performance with DHEC, I may see or hear confidential information and/or protected health information.

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree that I will not disclose confidential information or protected health information unless the disclosure complies with DHEC policies and is required to perform my responsibilities. I will not access or view any information other than what is required to do my job. If I have any questions about whether I need access to certain information, or whether certain information should be disclosed, I will immediately ask my supervisor for clarification. I will immediately report any unauthorized disclosure of protected health information or other confidential information as required by DHEC Policy, or as required by terms in any contract or agreement with DHEC to which I am a party.

I will not discuss any confidential information or protected health information obtained in the course of my relationship with DHEC with any person or in any location outside of my area of responsibility in DHEC, except as otherwise required or permitted by law. I will not make any unauthorized copy or disclosure of this information, or remove or transfer this information to any unauthorized location.

I agree that my obligations under this Agreement regarding confidential and protected health information will continue after termination of my employment/volunteer assignment/contract affiliation with DHEC.

I understand that violation of this Agreement may result in termination of my volunteer, contractual and/or work relationship with DHEC and may be grounds for disciplinary action, fines, penalties, imprisonment or civil suit to be brought against me.

I have read the above Agreement and agree to comply with all its terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## NONRESIDENT TAXPAPER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

### IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE - NONRESIDENTS ONLY

Withholding Requirements for Payments to Nonresidents: Section 12-8-550 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires persons hiring or contracting with a nonresident conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature within South Carolina to withhold 2% of each payment made to the nonresident. The withholding requirement does not apply to (1) payments on purchase orders for tangible personal property when the payments are not accompanied by services to be performed in South Carolina, (2) nonresidents who are not conducting business in South Carolina, (3) nonresidents for contracts that do not exceed \$10,000 in a calendar year, or (4) payments to a nonresident who (a) registers with either the S.C. Department of Revenue or the S.C. Secretary of State and (b) submits a Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to the person letting the contract.

The withholding requirement applies to every governmental entity that uses a contract ("Using Entity"). Nonresidents should submit a separate copy of the Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to every Using Entity that makes payment to the nonresident pursuant to this solicitation. Once submitted, an affidavit is valid for all contracts between the nonresident and the Using Entity, unless the Using Entity receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the exemption from withholding has been revoked.

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Section 12-8-540 requires persons making payment to a nonresident taxpayer of rentals or royalties at a rate of \$1,200.00 or more a year for the use of or for the privilege of using property in South Carolina to withhold 7% of the total of each payment made to a nonresident taxpayer who is not a corporation and 5% if the payment is made to a corporation. Contact the Department of Revenue for any applicable exceptions.

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For information about other withholding requirements (e.g., employee withholding), contact the Withholding Section at the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 803-898-5383 or visit the Department's website at [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org).

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This notice is for informational purposes only. This agency does not administer and has no authority over tax issues. All registration questions should be directed to the License and Registration Section at 803-898-5872 or to the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Registration Unit, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0140. All withholding questions should be directed to the Withholding Section at 803-898-5383.

<http://www.sctax.org/Form-and+Instructions/withholding/default.htm>

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
**NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER  
REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT  
INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING**

**I-312**  
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The undersigned nonresident taxpayer on oath, being first duly sworn, hereby certifies as follows:

1. Name of Nonresident Taxpayer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Trade Name, if applicable (Doing Business As):  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Federal Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Hiring or Contracting with:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Receiving Rentals or Royalties From:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Beneficiary of Trusts and Estates:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I hereby certify that the above named nonresident taxpayer is currently registered with (check the appropriate box):

- ☐ The South Carolina Secretary of State or  
☐ The South Carolina Department of Revenue

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

7. I understand that by this registration, the above named nonresident taxpayer has agreed to be subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the courts of South Carolina to determine its South Carolina tax liability, including estimated taxes, together with any related interest and penalties.

8. I understand the South Carolina Department of Revenue may revoke the withholding exemption granted under Code Sections 12-8-540 (rentals), 12-8-550 (temporarily doing business or professional services in South Carolina), and 12-8-570 (distributions to nonresident beneficiary by trusts or estates) at any time it determines that the above named nonresident taxpayer is not cooperating with the Department in the determination of its correct South Carolina tax liability.

The undersigned understands that any false statement contained herein could be punished by fine, imprisonment or both.

Recognizing that I am subject to the criminal penalties under Code Section 12-54-44 (B) (6) (a) (i), I declare that I have examined this affidavit and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nonresident Taxpayer (Owner, Partner or Corporate Officer, when relevant) (Seal) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

If Corporate officer state title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name - Please Print)

***INCOME TAX CREDIT***

References: SC §12-6-3350 – Income Tax Credit for State Contractors Having  
Subcontracts with MINORITY Firms

Taxpayers, who utilize certified minority subcontractors, may take a tax credit equal to 4% of the payments they make to said subcontractors. The payments claimed must be based on work performed directly for a South Carolina state contract. The credit is capped at \$50,000 per year or the total tax liability; whichever is lesser. The taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for 10 consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the credit is first claimed. There is no carry forward of unused credits.

The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, “Minority Business Credit.” A copy of the subcontractor’s certificate from the Governor’s Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor’s income tax return. Taxpayers must maintain evidence of work performed for a State contract by the minority subcontractor.

Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to:

**SC Department of Revenue**

Research and Review

Phone: (803) 898-5786

FAX: (803) 898-5888

Reference: SC §11-35-5010-Definition for Minority Subcontractor  
SC §11-35-5230 (B)–Regulations for Negotiating with State Minority Firms

The subcontractor must be certified as to the criteria of a “Minority Firm” by the Governor’s Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA). Certificates are issued to subcontractors upon successful completion of the certification process. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to:

Governor’s Office of Small and  
Minority Business Assistance

Phone: (803) 734-0657

FAX: (803) 734-2498

## OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST (JUN 2007)

### OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST -- AVOID COMMON BID/PROPOSAL MISTAKES

Review this checklist prior to submitting your bid/proposal.

If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your bid/proposal rejected.

- Do not include any of your standard contract forms!
- Unless expressly required, do not include any additional boilerplate contract clauses.
- Reread your entire bid/proposal to make sure your bid/proposal does not take exception to any of the state's mandatory requirements.
- Make sure you have properly marked all protected, confidential, or trade secret information in accordance with the instructions entitled: SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. **DO NOT mark your entire bid/proposal as confidential, trade secret, or protected! Do not include a legend on the cover stating that your entire response is not to be released!**
- Have you properly acknowledged all amendments? Instructions regarding how to acknowledge an amendment should appear in all amendments issued.
- Make sure your bid/proposal includes a copy of the solicitation cover page. Make sure the cover page is signed by a person that is authorized to contractually bind your business.
- Make sure your Bid/proposal includes the number of copies requested.
- Check to ensure your Bid/proposal includes everything requested!
- If you have concerns about the solicitation, do not raise those concerns in your response! **After opening, it is too late! If this solicitation includes a pre-bid/proposal conference or a question & answer period, raise your questions as a part of that process!** Please see instructions under the heading "submission of questions" and any provisions regarding pre-bid/proposal conferences.